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April 29, 2019

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Las Vegas, NV 89118-0556

RE: Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 130701
Case No. 800-2019-051899

Public Letter of Reprimand

On January 14, 2019, the Colorado Medical Board issued you a Letter of Admonition for unprofessional conduct in that a physician assistant, whom you were supervising, implemented a long-acting form of testosterone treatment for a patient rather than refraining from testosterone or pursuing other courses of treatment given the patient's symptoms. A copy of the Colorado Medical Board's Letter of Admonition is attached as Exhibit A.

These actions constitute a violation of California Business and Professions Code sections 141(a), 2234 and 2305.

Pursuant to the authority of the California Business and Professions Code section 2233, you are hereby issued this Public Letter of Reprimand by the Medical Board of California.

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Executive Director

Exhibit A



COLORADO

Department of
Regulatory Agencies

Division of Professions and Occupations



VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

January 14, 2019
Case No. 2015-3091-A

Christopher Asandra, M.D.

Dear Dr. Asandra:

Inquiry Panel A ("Panel") of the Colorado Medical Board ("Board") has concluded its inquiry regarding your care and treatment of Patient A. It is the Panel's decision to administer disciplinary action to you in the form of this letter of admonition.

As you recall, between and including November 2014 to December 2014, you employed a physician assistant in your Clinic located in Greenwood Village, Colorado. You served as the primary physician supervisor for this physician assistant. During that time, Patient A came to the Clinic seeking hormone replacement therapy. The physician assistant assessed Patient A for concerns related to erectile dysfunction. During this assessment you were not physically present at the clinic. Patient A's testosterone level was in the normal range. Despite this, the physician assistant initiated testosterone replacement therapy in the form of long-acting testosterone pellets, rather than pursuing other courses of treatment given Patient A's symptoms.

After a review of all of the information in this matter, the Panel found that your physician assistant's conduct fell below the generally accepted standards of practice for a physician assistant, constituting unprofessional conduct in violation of section 12-36-117(1)(p), C.R.S. Specifically, the physician assistant whom you were supervising implemented a long-acting form of testosterone treatment for Patient A rather than refraining from testosterone or pursuing other courses of treatment given Patient A's symptoms. Pursuant to Board Rule 400, as the primary physician supervisor, you are responsible if a physician assistant whom you are supervising commits unprofessional conduct as defined in section 12-36-117(1)(p), C.R.S.

By this letter, the Panel hereby admonishes you and cautions you that complaints disclosing any repetition of such practice may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine, wherein this letter of admonition may be entered into evidence as aggravation.

Pursuant to agreement with the Board, you have agreed to waive the right provided by section 12-36-118(4)(c)(III), C.R.S. to contest this Letter of Admonition.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD
INQUIRY PANEL A

Paula E. Martinez
Program Director
Delegated Authority to Sign by Inquiry Panel
cc: Carmen Decker, Esq.

